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1.	Svorbe Peninsula.			
2.	Irben Strait.			
3.	Prescribed swept channel, approach to Riga.			
4.	Latvian Coast		•	
5.	The "Blue Mountain".	+ P		
6.	Round tower on the "Blue Mountain".			
7.	Approximate position of the battery emplacement. could not be determined.	The number of guns		
3∙	Saunaken (Saunagu) lighthouse.			

9. Position of source's ship at 2400 hours

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